Ready, Set, **GO!** by Joy Greene



You and I live in a technology-driven world where we are accessible to other people like no other time in history. One way we stay so well connected is through emails. It is quick and easy to send an email and emailing has become a fundamental way of communication.

I send a <u>lot</u> of emails on a daily basis. Some emails are quick and to the point. Other emails are more

detailed, especially when the email involves instructions about a very important project. When I type out an email, it is very important that it is concise and correct. It needs to be free of spelling and grammatical errors and it needs to express my thoughts clearly. So, before I send an email, I re-read it several times. I proof it for errors and rework my sentences to make sure I am communicating in a precise manner.

I can proofread and rework my sentences multiple times, but there comes a point in which I must click the "**send**" button. There is a time when the preparation of the email is over. There is a time for the email to **GO**!

This idea makes me think about my walk with God.

When God calls me to do something for His kingdom, there is usually a preparation period. I think about it. I pray about it. I seek out good Christian counsel about it. I begin to make plans to do what He is calling me to do. The preparation period is important, but there comes a time when I must take that next step to **DO** what He is calling me to do.

Joshua was a mighty warrior. His charge was to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. As the Jordan River stood between his people and their destiny, Joshua prepared. He told the people to consecrate themselves before God. He told them to get ready.

The day came when the preparation and planning periods were over. The day came when Joshua and the people had to **GO**! "Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing." -Joshua 3:15-16a (NIV) I wonder if there is something God is urging you to do. Maybe there is somewhere He is urging you to go. I wonder if you have spent time thinking, praying and planning. I wonder what your next step needs to be. I wonder if you are fearful about that next step.

I encourage you to be brave and take that important next step, my friend. Remember that faith is not passive. Faith requires action!

Get ready. Get set. GO!

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